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FM AMEMBASSY OUAGADOUGOU

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 6252

INFO AMEMBASSY NIAMEY IMMEDIATE

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E. O. 11652: N/ A

TAGS: EAID

SUBJ: UPPER VOLTAN REQUEST FOR INCREASED FOOD AID

REF: STATE 59473

1. PRIME MINISTER PERSONALLY CALLED CHARGE YESTERDAY TO MAKE ESSENTIALLY SAME REQUEST AS PRESENTED BY YAGUIBOU. VOLTANS WANT DELIVERIES IN APRIL INCREASED BY 6,000 TONS WITH ENTIRE ADDITION TO COME VIA TEMA PORT. VOLTANS ARE REQUESTING THIS AS ACCELERATION GRAIN STABILIZATION DELIVERIES, NOT DIRECTLY AS PART EMERGENCY FOOD AID. HOWEVER, THEY WOULD LIKE REPLACE WITH GRAIN RECEIVED UNDER ANTICIPATED EMERGENCY PROGRAM TO EXTENT THAT POSSIBLE.

2. EMBASSY HAD ALREADY NOTIFIED ADO/ NIAMEY, AND GARVEY FROM ADO WILL ARRIVE OUAGADOUGOU MONDAY TO INVESTIGATE DETAILS PRESENT VOLTAN REQUEST AND VOLTAN READINESS FULFILL REQUIREMENTS FOR 9,000- TON EMERGENCY GRAIN PROGRAM, WE WILL BE ABLE COMMENT ON VOLTAN REQUEST SOONEST THEREAFTER.

3. VOLTAN HIGH- LEVEL CONCERN IS NOT SO BELATED, FOR
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PRIME MINISTER FIRST MENTIONED NEED FOR EMERGENCY GRAIN NOVEMBER 9 (OUAGA TEL 1 696). HE RENEWED THIS CONCERN ON JAN 9 (OUAGA 38), BY WHICH TIME INDEPENDENT INFORMATION ALSO SUGGESTED GRAIN SHORTAGE WOULD EXCEED OFFICIAL ESTIMATES. HOWEVER, DIFFERING OPINION AT VOLTAN GOVERNMENT WORKING LEVEL, AND THEIR EFFORT SEEK PERMISSION SELL EMERGENCY GRAIN HAVE MEANT THAT AT WORKING LEVEL VOLTAN GOVERNMENT HAS NOT BECOME GEARED UP FOR URGENT ACTION UNTIL EXTREMELY RECENTLY.
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